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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

The concept of the first amendment freedom of speech includes the right to access to the means of communication in order to be effective. As the owner of a small law firm for twenty plus years I have grown up with the internet and understand acutely how competitive access and pricing are critical to my ability to communicate with my clients and to access the vital information available on the web.

Without a fair and competitive regulatory framework for using the infrastructure of the internet the promise of " freedom of access " is illusory as is the equality of speech that can travel along the internet lines.

The FCC has a solemn duty to citizens such as myself and my law firm to safeguard our access to the information available on the internet as well as the ability to use the net as a platform for speech.

There should be no prejudicial system of access and connectivity permitted in this area and it is the duty of the FCC to be the watchdog for the ordinary citizens such as myself.

We rely upon you and your staff to view all new regulations with the protection of the ordinary consumer and the small commercial provider in mind. The air waves and their contents belong to all of us and we count on you to keep them ours.

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